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From: Ann Lillian [annlillian9@alaska.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 4:01 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Lloyd; Denby S (DFG); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); james.knig@alaska.gov; Rep.Kevin.Meyer@legis.state.ak.us; Rep.Mike.Chenault@legis.state.ak.us; Sen.Tom.Wagoner@legis.state.ak.us; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Crome; Cora J (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Swanton; Charles O (DFG)
Cc: cindysmi@acsalaska.net; akpepi@yahoo.com
Subject: FY2009 Governors Capital Budget Appropriation DF&G prop #44823 in SB256 & HB311

March 20, 2008
State of Alaska
Office of the Governor
Juneau, Alaska

Re: Lower Kaslof boat launch, FY2009 Governors Capital Budget Appropriation
Department of Fish & Game proposal #44823 in SB256 and HB311

Honorable Governor Palin:

I respectfully request that you veto the funding for this legislation which would allow the Dept. of Fish & Game to buy private property on the Kaslof River for a motorized boat ramp and parking facilities without a prior Environmental Impact Study or public testimony. I am a property owner adjacent to the Old Kaslof Landind owned by Trujillo but only recently heard about this project from my neighbors. I believe motorized fishing traffic would be detrimental to the environment of the Kaslof River and wish it to remain a drift boat fishery as I have enjoyed many times.

Every summer the boat-trailer traffic, at its current limited level, leaves trash, parks on my property, and is unpleasantly noisy—increased traffic as this proposes would be the death of a quiet, peaceful, safe neighborhood of 35 homes. As a resident of this community, I believe I have a right to express my grave concerns for the quality of life in my neighborhood and to the Kaslof River. I feel this proposal is ill advised and that increased traffic on the Kaslof River would have a detrimental impact on water quality, noise level, and to the overall peace that we now enjoy.

The Dept. of Fish & Game would better serve the public and the Kenai River Sportfishing Assoc. to use the Federal tackle tax to create a motorized boat launch, upgrade parking, and provide public sanitation at the mouth of the Kaslof River where all the other boat traffic is located and the public congregates for fishing every summer.

Last year you vetoed this project. Unfortunately, it was included in the current general appropriation bill passed by both the House and Senate. Please do not fund this proposal which would mostly benefit a few tourist and the Kenai River Sportfishing Assoc. I implore you to veto it again!

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,
Ann-Lillian Schell
annlillian9@alaska.net
907 260-3069

10/23/2009

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From: cindysmi@acsalaska.net
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 5:52 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell (GOV sponsored); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Crome; Cora J (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); dendby.lloyd@alaska.gov; Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Fw: c.smith-re meeting with Governor
State of Alaska
The Honorable Sarah Palin
Governor, State of Alaska

Governor Palin,

I have sent the following message to my representatives with the knowledge of your upcoming meetings with our Districts. I am pleased that Representative Chenault has sent you a letter with his District's concern over this proposal and I will forward this message to all the department's that I feel are involved in this process. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Smith
Kasilof, Alaska

----- Original Message -----

From: cindysmi@acsalaska.net
To: Rep.Mike.Chenault@legis.state.ak.us
Cc: tom.wright@legis.state.ak.us
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 9:05 AM
Subject: c.smith-re meeting with Governor

March 20, 2008

State of Alaska
Representative Mike Chenault

Re: Opposition to Fish and Game proposal #44823 in SB256

Mr. Chenault:

I am aware that Governor Palin is going to meet with three people from each District regarding capital projects. I would like to request that you express my concerns and opposition to this Fish and Game proposal, to the Governor, at this meeting.

We do not want any motorized public access boat ramp this far up the Kasilof River, at mile 3.5, at the Trujillo parcel or Foxhill Estate Subdivision, as it will bring an entirely new user group of motorized boats, that currently are not there. Also, the issue of two-stroke engines, which have been prohibited for use in the Kenal River Personal Use Fisheries, because of pollution, could bring displaced owners of these engines to the Kasilof River, which does not have these current restrictions.

Our community is concerned for the Kasilof River, in that, Fish and Game in order to get matching Federal funds for this proposal, they have to split usage, at this public boat launch, between both motorized and non-motorized craft. The issue of environmental impact, public forum, and community concerns, should not come after they have received funding to buy private property for this public boat launch, but have most of these concerns addressed before Fish and Game get funding.

10/23/2009

Again, I request that you express my opposition and concerns regarding this proposal to Governor Palin, at this meeting, as you are my District voice to the Governor. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Smith
Kasilof, Alaska

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Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Constituent

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To: "Anna Kim" <anna.kim@alaska.gov>

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To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Subject: Fw: Governor's veto Please - Palmer Arts Council

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From: "Sullivan-Leonard, Colleen (GOV)" <colleen.sullivan.leonard@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 10:30:20

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, "Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)" <karen.rehfeld@alaska.gov>

Subject: FW: Governor's veto Please - Palmer Arts Council

FYI from Dan Kennedy in Wasilla. Colleen

From: Dan Kennedy [mailto:kennedy@kennedycpas.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 10:16 AM

To: Sullivan-Leonard, Colleen (GOV)

Subject: Governor's veto Please - Palmer Arts Council

To: Honorable Governor Sarah Palin

Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Veto Please - Capital Budget, Palmer Arts Council of \$400,000

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Sincerely and respectfully,

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From: Colberg, Talis J (LAW) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=TJCOLBERG]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 12:21 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: personnel issues

Dear governor palin. I don't think there is anything for you to do on these at this time. I will keep you posted. By the way I am in anchorage and I will be home for éaster. Talis.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)
Sent: Thu Mar 20 12:17:50 2008
Subject: Re: personnel issues

I did not know of either one, so thank you. Do you think there's anything I should do with either issue at this point? If so- happy to do it.

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I'm headed to Anchorage - hope you get to be home for Easter!
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-----Original Message-----

From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>
Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 11:33:06
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: personnel issues

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Dear Governor Palin,

There are two important personnel issues that I think you are aware of (as your office has been involved) however, in the outside chance that you have not been directly told this is a note to you:

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If you are already well aware I apologize for the redundancy. If you need more information, let me know. Talis

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 12:08 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Mary Nelson

Pls send her flowers or something from the Gov's office. Thanks

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 11:35 AM
To: lmapuck@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: University_of_Alaska

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 5:39 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: University_of_Alaska

Web mail from: Ms. Susan Shaw
address: 18012 Hillcrest Dr Eagle River AK 99577

MESSAGE:

Thank you for sending your reply letter today. You stated "my budget goals have been very clear". However, I still remember your statement (before you were elected, and here's the rub) that you would support a state of the art sports complex, said when you were at an Aces hockey game.

As far as your promoting "world class education", I guess you aren't interested in retaining students after graduating. You'd rather see them leave the state and go to Universities with better facilities.

This is NOT going away. UAA has the WORST facilities in the nation, what a shame. As Governor, you should be ashamed.

Susan Shaw

lmapuck@yahoo.com

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From: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EFAGERSTROM]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 9:40 AM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Diane

I'll let Diane and Susan know. Glad they liked it! :)

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Fagerstrom, Erika (GOV)
Sent: Thu Mar 20 09:35:41 2008
Subject: Diane

Pls tell Diane the bread is awesome- the lawmakers loved it. Thank you gals for doing that! And I think I get to take that noon flt to Anchorage instead of the late one, so I'll run by the hse to get some clothes before heading to airport around noon. Thanks

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 8:25 AM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Perm Fund

What's my authority in telling bd members what they can and can't do re: investments (I'm sure I'll be asked about Dufar today)?

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From: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SWLEIGHOW]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 7:44 PM
To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: Presser on budget

Governor-

We did not send out a press release but I did have several reporters follow up on your comments. I made it clear that you have not made any veto "threats" and that you are looking forward to talking with lawmakers about the capital projects.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV)
Sent: Thu Mar 20 18:12:27 2008
Subject: Presser on budget

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Subject: Re: Governor's veto Please - Palmer Arts Council

Thanks Colleen. Pls also forward to Leg Liason office and Chief of Staff. Thanks.

And if Dan really wanted to help, he'd express this publicly. Lyda's games are really wearing us down with the budget and other struggles and we can't win these battles with just internal discussions. Thanks

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Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 5:21 PM
To: Anders; Bruce F (DNR)
Cc: Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Gibson; Kurtis K (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Communications

Bruce- it's my understanding that you're still waiting for the go-ahead on hiring those whom you need to work on AGIA communications, which sounds like includes Meg as a part-timer. We're still interviewing for a full-time Comm Director, so Meg coming back on board part-time can be a great complement to a needed full-time Director once that person is found. In the meantime, pls work with Mike Tibbles and/or Mike Nizich to hire the person or persons you've been needing to complete the gasline team. I assume Meg is ready to return part-time? Thanks

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 4:47 PM
To: 'vision_rbw@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Economic_Development

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Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 3:38 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Ms. Brenda Wall
address: PO Box 1016 Cordova AK 99574

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

My family are commercial fishermen for six generations. Our great grandmother and her family walked the Oregon Trail and became some the first non-tribal fishermen in the Northwest. The family is still fishing today from Bristol Bay, Cordova and the Columbia River.

We are struggling to continue fishing in Bristol Bay. It is not due to lack of fish or consumers desiring the wild salmon but the grid lock on the buyers allowed into the bay to purchase our fish. Everyone is put on limits and they don't want to give us ice.

One year we are told if we catch 100,000 lbs. we MIGHT get 5 cents more per pound. Last year you had to catch 150,000 lbs to get 10 cents. This year it will be 200,000 lbs. if they feel real generous we MIGHT get another 10 cents. The average price was 67 cents per pound if you had over 100,000. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS!

We beg you to open the bay to foreign processors with big ships that can handle the fish and watch how suddenly the price could make \$1.00 like the rest of Alaska.

And our son could continue in college so he never has to rely on this industry unless he wants too.

With fuel through the roof and the dollar worthless, hardworking fisherman should be paid at least a dollar per pound for their fish. This is a crime against the people working so hard to bring healthy food to the market.

PLEASE HELP THE FISHERMEN, NOT THE GREEDY CORPORATIONS THAT MAKE HUGE PROFITS AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PEOPLE THAT MADE THE CORPORATION A SUCCESS!

Please open the door to Bristol Bay to real competition among the processors and watch the price rise to the natural level that the market creates.

Best Regards,

The Wall Family

vision_rbw@yahoo.com

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 4:45 PM
To: kristyn.brouwer@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Other

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Kristyn Brouwer
address: 225 Cordova St. Anchorage AK 99501
907-242-5902

MESSAGE:

"The true measure of a society is how it treats its weakest and most vulnerable members."
- Mahatma Gandhi -
(As quoted by Municipality of Anchorage in a June 2007 DHHS Document)

Holy Family Cathedral Organizing Ministry

A member of AFACT -
Anchorage Faith & Action Congregations Together

Invites You to Attend:

What: Meeting to Seek Solutions for
Chronic Homelessness in Anchorage.

When: Monday, March 24, 2008
Food Provided: 6:00-7:00pm
Meeting: 7:00-8:00pm

Where: Holy Family Cathedral*
5th Ave & H St.
Anchorage, AK 99501
*Free Parking Available:
Conoco-Phillips lot (6th Ave & H St.)

Guest: Mayor Mark Begich

Contact: Holy Family Cathedral
(907) 276-3455

Holy Family Cathedral Organizing Ministry would like to extend an invitation to you as Governor of Alaska to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Holy Family Cathedral at 276-3455 or Kristyn Brouwer at 242-5902. Thanks for your consideration.

kristyn.brouwer@gmail.com

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Subject: Re: Constituent

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From: "Kim, Anna C (GOV)" <anna.kim@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 14:48:20

To: ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Constituent

Okay we will get it taken care of.

Anna

Anna Clark Kim
Special Staff Assistant
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From: Anna Kim
To: Governor Sarah Palin
Sent: Mar 20, 2008 2:30 PM
Subject: RE: Constituent

Okay. Keep me posted or she can contact me direct 465-4280 or
anna.kim@alaska.gov.

By the way, Dr. Stinson will be in Juneau Tues March 25 to continue his
work advocating for your health care transparency act and wondering if
you could meet with him briefly in the afternoon.

Thanks, Anna

Anna Clark Kim
Special Staff Assistant
Office of the Governor

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Subject: Corrections

When are we going to start countering the bs that is out there about our budget? For instance Dan Fagan's insistence that we hired 1000 new state employees, his insistence that Doogan crunched numbers to show this is a 27-percent increase in state budget, that we're intimidating lawmakers to come into our office, etc etc etc. ??? His show is pathetic, the lies he's spewing. This is the first I've heard his show in, forever, and can not believe this is the stuff he believes and is telling Alaskans? Unless we at least factually counter SOME of his lies, Alaskans will believe his rhetoric... again, if there's no truthful information to correct him, what information do they have to go on?

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From: Privratsky, Ken [kprivratsky@HorizonLines.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 3:40 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Spencer, Kari L (GOV)
Subject: Port of Anchorage

Dear Governor Palin,

Attached is a letter that I am mailing to you and legislators concerning funding for the Port of Anchorage. Please support this vital project.

Very respectfully,

Ken Privratsky
Senior Vice President
Horizon Lines

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 3:09 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re: energy rebate

True- absolutely agree with that principle and goal bc it's Alaskans' money. But let me ask the others whats evolved in budget since early rebate discussions.

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 15:01:43

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: energy rebate

Governor-

Wesley Loy is asking if you support the idea of energy rebates. I seem to recall at a press availability several weeks ago you said you favor putting money back in the pockets of Alaskans - or words to that effect. Am I way off?

Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

Deputy Communications Director

(907) 269-7450 Anchorage

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Subject: Re: Owen Appeal and Atty. Ralph Cashen

We're on the same page here. Thanks for the head's up!

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Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 14:20:14

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

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Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 3:02 PM
To: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Rosanne

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From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 14:25:24

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Rosanne

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Subject: Fw: for your approval

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 22:59:26

To: "Sharon Leighow" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: for your approval

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 14:56:39

To: Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

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Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 10:58 AM
To: 'Sarah Palin'
Cc: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Draft for Prayer Breakfast

I've also put a hard copy of this draft with some bio information and the program in a folder for you.

Beth

Governor Sarah Palin
Governor's Prayer Breakfast
March 22, 2008 @ 8:30 a.m.
Hotel Captain Cook
Reverend Franklin Graham, Guest
Theme: Change is Good

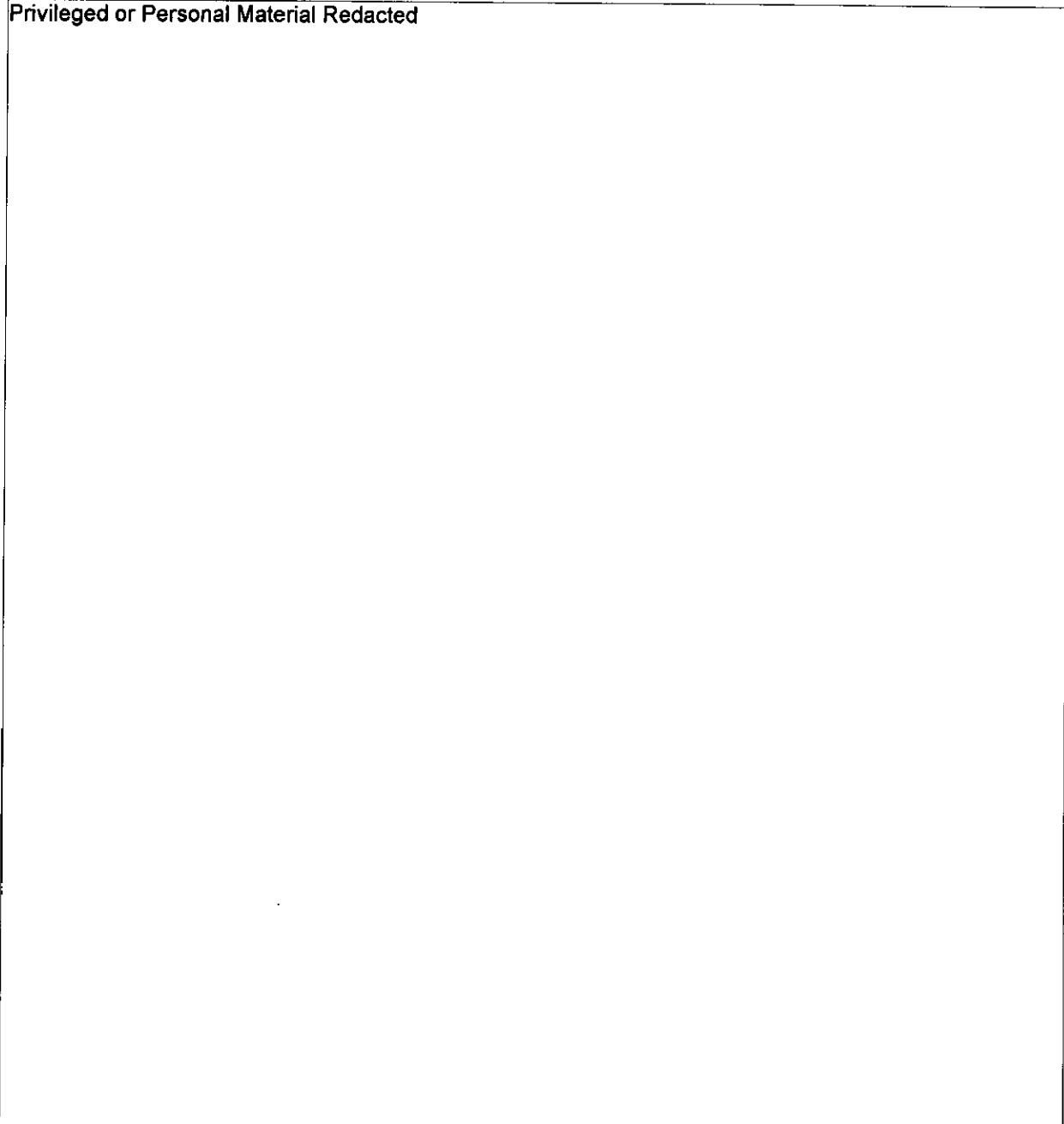
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Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 4:48 PM
To: 'Sarah Palin'
Cc: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Fran Ulmer UAA Champions

Governor,

Fran Ulmer called me; the UAA Men's and Women's Basketball Teams are NCAA Div II Western Region Champs. The men are flying out to Massachusetts and the women to Nebraska. She would like to invite you to attend the women's games in Nebraska. First game is March 26th and – if they make it – the final will be Saturday the 29th.

She realizes it is short notice and the timing is bad, but she wanted to extend a personal invitation to you.

We'll plan on doing a letter for both teams.

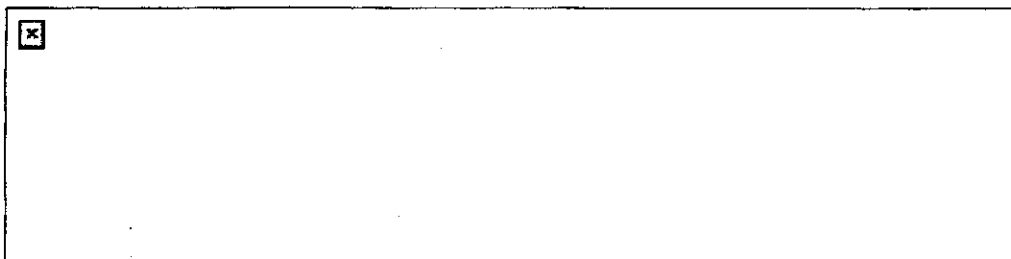
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Governor-

Wesley Loy is asking if you support the idea of energy rebates. I seem to recall at a press availability several weeks ago you said you favor putting money back in the pockets of Alaskans - or words to that effect. Am I way off?

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Governor-

Genevieve with Rep. Holmes is working on a term paper and has requested a 10 minute interview with you. She would like to ask you about relations with the legislature. Perfect timing eh? May I schedule this?

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Subject: security

Governor,
I will let you know when my meeting's with the Security Staff has been completed. I plan on meeting with each of them separately to discuss our plan going forward probably beginning of next week and to address any questions or concerns they may have about personnel processing, timing of separation, etc.
Mike

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Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 9:09 AM

To: Sarah Palin

Subject: Scheduling Request - Tuesday, 03.25.08

Governor --

You had agreed to a speech to the Southeast Conference (SEC) Mid-Season Summit here in Juneau. They just called this morning and said if the Tuesday, 03.25.08 -- 8:00 a.m. would not work that they also have open Wednesday, 03.26.08 at noon.

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To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
Subject: Governor making the right call on supplemental budget
FDNM gets it at least...

Capital is capital

Governor making the right call on supplemental budget

Published Wednesday, March 19, 2008

A budget can be a dynamic beast, sometimes born of little more than a hazy crystal ball and a heap of educated guesses that metamorphose into sometimes frightening forms through a fiscal year.

But the beast should at least have recognizable parts — an operating budget, a capital budget, a supplemental budget. Some emergency reserves are part of the picture, too. When Gov. Sarah Palin insists that \$70 million in capital projects that she vetoed last summer not be shifted to last year's supplemental budget, she is on solid footing. She said putting the items in the supplemental is simply inappropriate. Alaskans will see the logic in her stance.

Still, the state House voted unanimously Monday and 38-1 on Tuesday to pass the supplemental budget with the \$70 million in projects included.

The Senate agreed on Tuesday, passing the supplemental budget 15-5. The bill now goes to the governor for her signature — and quite possibly some line-item vetoes. Lawmakers can try to override the vetoes, or they could try to put these items back in the 2009 capital budget.

With a near-unanimous vote for the supplemental budget in the House, it appears that going the veto-override route may be tempting to legislators.

Indeed, the supplemental budget manages billions of dollars. There are factors in that bill that are extraordinarily positive. It is a popular one overall.

And, admittedly, there are some items among that \$70 million for Fairbanks that we would like to see in the state's budget. Our delegation does need local support for these things, which include improvements to the J.P. Jones Community Development Center and reconstruction of the Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association building, among other projects.

But backtracking to insert these vetoed items into a supplemental budget, however popular, doesn't fit the purpose of a supplemental budget. These expenses, though small in relation to the total package, are hangers-on to what is otherwise good legislation. The

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problem is that they do not have to be there and, in fact, there is a better and more logical place for them.

It may be feasible in the politics of the moment to insert \$70 million in the supplemental budget, but the public understands what is a capital budget item and where those expenses should be logged; a capital expense is a capital expense.

Legislators should fight to put the items into the 2009 capital budget.

If they lose that struggle, at least they were fighting the right fight.

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